# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For:

WOVEN FABRIC OF NOBLE METAL FILAMENT, AND AN

APPARATUS AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

#### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (amended) Woven fabric according to claim 1, wherein the noble metal monofilament is of 14-carat gold, 18-carat gold, 24-carat gold, or gold alloy.

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#### REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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## VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

### IN THE CLAIMS

3. (amended) Woven fabric according to claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein the noble metal monofilament is of 14-carat gold, 18-carat gold, 24-carat gold, or gold alloy.